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LINDSEY (LINCOLNSHIRE) COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL ~~OFFICER~~ OF HEALTH FOR THE ~~BOROUGH~~ ~~URBAN DISTRICT OF~~ RURAL DISTRICT of Louth

FOR THE YEAR 1918

FORM FOR INTERIM REPORT.

(1). NO. OF NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Diphtheria and Membranous Croup	Erysipelas.	Scarlet Fever.	Enteric Fever.	Puerperal Fever.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculous Diseases.	Poliomyelitis.	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Measles and German Measles.		Total.
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9	3	19	5	~	24	11	~	~	~	26	3	100

2. Action taken in regard to the control of Infectious Disease (space is given under heading 15 for further notes if necessary).

As in previous years the house is visited by the Sanitary Inspector or Medical Officer and disinfectants supplied, and if any sanitary defects are found they are rectified. Instructions are given as to isolation and disinfection, and in the case of schol children they are forbidden the school. After convalesence the rooms are disinfected.

3. Housing Accommodation. 50 houses were inspected under the Housing Acts. 1 house was closed voluntary as unfit for habitation. Difficulty has been experienced in having the necessary improvements carried out owing to the shortage of labour and material. The Sanitary Committee are considering the question of erecting new houses under the Housing Scheme.

4. Water Supply. The water supply in the distuct is generally good, being cheifly supplied by pumps, artesian wells, overflowing springs and a few surface wells. The Parishes ~~which~~ that have a system of water supply remain the same as those of last year. 2 wells have been ~~closed~~ cleaned out and repaired.

5. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Supply.

There are 10 cowsheds which have been inspected.

6. Sanitary Condition of Premises where Foods are Prepared:—

(a) Slaughterhouses. 12 private slaughter houses which have been inspected.

(b) Bakehouses. There are no underground bakehouses and all others have been inspected.

7. Unsound Food.

3 articles were surrended as unfit for food.

8. Effect of Food Restrictions on Health.

10. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

~~9. Pollution of Rivers.~~ The systems of drainage at Aby, Binbrook, Ludford & Welton le Wold are working satisfactorily. On the Saltfleetby main road, Saltfleet about 90 yards of 6 inch sanitary pipes have been laid in place of land tiles which were choked at one portion and the 6 offensive road catchpits substituted with sanitary road gulley traps. 18 drains were relaid and trapped, 1 urinal repaired and 5 sewage dykes cleaned out.

~~10. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.~~

11. Disposal of Refuse and Excrement. There is no public scavenging in the district, all house refuse and excrement being removed by the occupiers and utilised on the land and gardens. 4 pivies were converted into pails.

12. Common Lodging Houses.

None in the District

13. Offensive Trades. The manure works at Binbrook, Donington on Bain, Marshchapel and North Thoresby have worked satisfactory.

14. Schools. 1 school was disinfected and others have been inspected and found satisfactory.

15. Other matters or further notes under any of the previous Headings.

No. 9. Pollution of Rivers:- Nothing has been done by the South Corporation to prevent river pollution at South Park as after heavy rains the sewage is forced through a manhole and floods the county main road. It then flows into the River Ludd through the road drains.

Influenza

This disease appeared about the end of October
The R.D.C. had posters posted up in the various villages calling attention to the disease and precautions required etc

It caused all the schools in the district to be closed
54 deaths occured 30 in November and 24 in December

Date 18th March 1919.

Signed Charles J Myers
Medical Officer of Health.